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The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" There is no need, because the order of the Government is based upon the fact of externment and that is a circumstance which is admitted by Mr. Paisley himself."

Alleged representation against the withdrawal of Mr. Paisley's powers.

* 1895 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was received from the Honorary Presidency Magistrates' Association objecting on principle to the withdrawal of Mr. Paisley's powers ; and

(b) if so, what was the reply given by Government to the Association ?

A.—(a) The answer is in the affirmative.

(b) The Government did not consider it necessary to issue a reply.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government to be guided, Sir, by the externment orders passed by His Exalted Highness the Nizam or by whomsoever it might have been or by their own officers or committee in appointing a person as honorary magistrate ? Are they going to respect the opinions of their own officers doing honorary service or the opinion of a neighbouring potentate who happens to be now in favour with the local Government ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if there are any qualifications that are mentioned in the rules which enable Government to appoint honorary magistrates, and if one of the rules is to the effect that anybody externed from a neighbouring State is also disqualified ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The supplementary question has no bearing on the answer given here."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the Law Member whether this Government has entered into an agreement with the Nizam's Government that any person externed from their state . . . . ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" How does it arise out of this question which relates to a representation from the Honorary Presidency Magistrates' Association ? "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know whether there is one set of rules for honorary magistrates and another set of rules for the Presidency Magistrates ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know with reference to (b) why the Government did not consider it necessary to issue a reply ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" In the Government's opinion it was not necessary."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know why that representation was not consulted by the Government ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Because the Government thought that it was not necessary."

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Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :– "May I know whether the Government ascertained beforehand whether the externment was based on political grounds or personal grounds?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"No, Sir."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I enquire whether the Government thought it fit to respect the opinion of the Commissioner of Police rather than the opinion of the association of honorary magistrates?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"The Government attach more weight to the fact of externment than the opinion of this association."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—"May I know whether the Government are going to respect the opinions of the Commissioner of Police or of the High Court of Madras?"

The hon. the President :—"The question does not arise."

Alleged ill-treatment of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti.

*1895-A Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti was made to walk from the Central Jail to the Rajahmundry railway station when he was transferred from Rajahmundry jail to Bellary jail;

(b) whether it is a fact that he was also made to carry his clothing, bedding and other articles;

(c) what is the distance from the Central jail to the railway station; and why no conveyance was supplied for him and his articles to the railway station;

(d) what action the Government intend to take against the prison officials who treated Mr. Sambamurti like that; and

(e) what action the Government intend to take with regard to better treatment of political prisoners, in conformity with the opinion of the council as expressed in the cut motion on the subject carried by the council on 19th March 1929?

A.—(a) to (d) The Government have no information but they have called for a report.

(e) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"May I know whether it was at midnight that Mr. Sambamurti was made to walk from the Central jail to the railway station?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"That is exactly what I have stated; I have called for information."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"When was the information called for and when is it expected to come to Government?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Immediately after the receipt of the question and the information will come in the usual course."

Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo :—"May I know whether similar treatment as set out here has been meted out to any other political prisoner of the status and reputation of Mr. Sambamurti?"